REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 32 and 33 are amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 16, 17, 18, 32 and 33 may be found at least at paragraph [0041]. No new matter is added by the above amendment. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I.   Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 4-5, 7-12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, claims 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 28 are amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

II.   Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Lance Good & Benjamin B. Bederson, Published March 2002, http://goodle.org/papers/counterpoint-infovis.pdf (Good). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 16, 17, 18, 32 and 33 similarly recite, in part, "recursively providing a structure of presentation information, the presentation information including one or more of slides, text labels, and graphical elements." Applicants respectfully submit that the applied reference fails to teach, disclose or suggest at least this feature.

Given a user-generated hierarchy and a selected layout, Good synchronizes the layout with the hierarchy. However, Good fails to synchronize the layout recursively. In other words, the user needs to go to every level of the hierarchy and specify a layout template. Further, these user-selected templates need to be manually scaled. For example, if the outer

level of the hierarchy is a line and the inner levels are all arc arrangements, each arch arrangement has to be manually modified to resemble a reasonable scale and to avoid overlapping slides. More specifically, Good merely provides a semi-automatic presentation method or invention.

Indeed, the last paragraph on page 44 continuing onto page 45, discloses, "[a] hierarchy editor for automating these arrangements has also been provided. Using this editor, the author can organize the presentation contents into a semantically meaningful hierarchy. Then, for each parent in the hierarchy, the author can apply a modifiable layout template to spatially arrange the parent's children according to the template format" (emphasis added).

The above recitation illustrates that the author must apply or select a modifiable layout template. In contrast, the presently claimed invention recites that the program or method recursively provides the structure.

Good fails to teach, disclose or suggest the above-quoted features recited in claims 1, 16, 17, 18, 32 and 33. Thus, Good fails to disclose each and every element recited in claim 1, 16, 17, 18, 32 and 33.

Claims 2-15 and 19-31 variously depend from claims 1, 16, 17, 18, 32 and 33. Because Good fails to teach, disclose or suggest the features recited in independent claims 1, 16, 17, 18, 32 and 33, dependent claims 2-15 and 19-31 are patentable for at least the reasons that claims 1, 16, 17, 18, 32 and 33 are patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite.
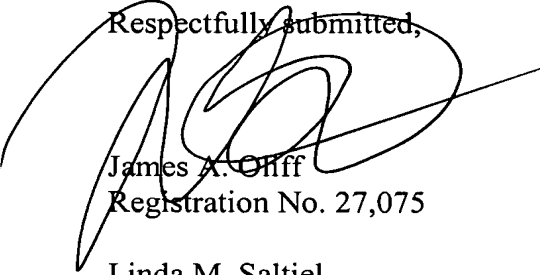
Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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